

Do you think your LEA is exempt from Comparability?

Exemptions are for LEAs • Exclusions are for school sites

Exemptions:

- 1 – **One Building per Grade Span** – Single-site LEAs fall under this exemption. Multi-site LEAs with only one school site per grade span are also exempt from testing comparability. A multi-site LEA under this exemption might look like this:

EXAMPLE #1 - EXEMPT Multi-Site LEA

Grade Span→	Primary	Middle or Junior	Middle or Junior	Secondary
	K-3	4-6	7-8	9-12
NAME of Title I schools with	STUDENT COUNT			
Over 100 students				
Red Primary	103			
Blue Elementary		130		
Yellow Middle			129	
Green High				325

- 2 – **Less than One Thousand Students** – Arizona exempts LEAs with more than one grade span per building if the total annual enrollment is under 1000. Choose this exemption if the school sites are not excluded (below).

Exclusions:

- 1–Enrollment is 100 or less**
 Exclude any school with 100 or less students from the computation. If all schools in the LEA have 100 or less students or if only one school has more than 100 students, the LEA is not required to compare schools.
- 2–Large size Discrepancies**
 Large school/small school - LEAs with only two schools, having substantial discrepancies in size, may skip the comparability calculation. For example, if one is a very small school, such as an alternative school with an enrollment of 101, and the other is a very large school, such as a district-wide high school with an enrollment of 2500, these two particular schools need not be compared.
- 3–Schools have One or No Overlapping grades**

EXAMPLE #2 LEA with school exclusions	Elementary	Middle or Junior	Secondary	Other -list grades
100 or fewer students	<div>Less than 100 students</div> <div>STUDENT COUNT</div>			
Red Elementary School	86			
Red Middle School		93		
Over 100 students				
Blue Elementary School 2	498			<div>No overlapping grades</div>
Blue Middle School		455		
Purple High School			398	
NAME of Non-Title I schools with 100 or fewer students	<div>No other schools to compare</div>			
n/a				
Over 100 students				
n/a				

In Example #3, first compare the six K-8 LEA-wide. If the K-8 schools are not comparable, then compare grades K-4 at Schools 3, 5, 7 and a group of grades 5-8 at Schools 3, 6, 8, 9.

If the school groups are still not comparable, change methods or reallocate resources.

EXAMPLE #3		Elementary	Middle or Junior	Secondary	Other -list grades
Non-exempt LEA with some school exclusions		K-4	5-8	9-12	7-8
<u>Grade Span</u>		STUDENT COUNT			
NAME of Title I schools with 100 or fewer students					
ES 1		86	93		
MS 2					
Over 100 students					
ES 3		890	684		
HS 4				2530	
ES 5		554			
MS 6			498		
NAME of Non-Title I schools with 100 or fewer students					
n/a					
Over 100 students					
ES 7		675			
MS 8			252 (5-6 grade)		
JHS 9					302

Written Procedures:

All LEAs receiving Title I funds must establish *procedures in writing* with sufficient detail to show a year-round effort to use comparable State and local funds at all schools.

